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NEIL BOGGS: "This is Neil Boggs inviting you to Meet The Press."

ANNOUNCER: "Meet The Press, America's press conference of the air and winner of every major award in its field is a public affairs presentation of NBC News."

BOGGS: "Our guest today on Meet The Press is Admiral William F. Rayborn, recently retired Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Admiral Rayborn is widely recognized as the developer of the Polaris missile system. He succeeded John McCone as head of the CIA in April, 1965."

"Now, we'll have the first question from Lawrence E. Spivak, permanent member of the Meet The Press panel."

SPIVAK: "Admiral Rayborn, the Senate is engaged in a controversy over the question of adding members of the Foreign Relations Committee to the Committees that now oversee the CIA. Would you say that it makes much difference to the CIA what Senate Committees oversee it?"

RAYBORN: "It's been the position of the Agency, and it was my position too, Mr. Spivak, that the oversight activities of the Congress was distinctly the business of the Congress."

SPIVAK: "May I have your opinion? You're out of the CIA at the present time. What is your personal opinion? Does it make any difference?"

RAYBORN: "Well, I stated my opinion. My opinion is that this is a matter which the Senate itself -- the Congress itself would want to resolve, and it is not -- not a matter of conjecture by me."

SPIVAK: "Well, you mean to tell me, Admiral, now that you're a private citizen you have no opinion on a matter of that importance that might be of great help to the American people if you did give an opinion?"

RAYBORN: "As a private citizen I would make my views known to